

First-hand War Stories Unit – Vocabulary

inculcate (verb) – to convince of an idea, attitude, or habit by continuing instruction

respite (noun) – a short period of rest from something difficult or unpleasant

juxtapose (verb) - to place close together for contrasting effect

cajole (verb) – to persuade someone to do something by coaxing or flattery

inured (verb) – to become accustomed to unacceptable circumstances so no longer bothered

foreboding (noun) – a feeling or sign that something bad is going to happen

automaton (noun) – one who resembles a machine by following instructions automatically, no emotion

monotonous (adj) – uninteresting or boring as a result of being repetitive and unvaried

unscathed (adj) – not hurt, damaged, or harmed in any way

barrage (noun) – a concentrated artillery bombardment; concentrated outpouring, as of questions

banal (adj) – commonplace; dull; ordinary

obliterate (verb) – to destroy something so completely that nothing is left

forlorn (adj) – lonely and miserable, as though deserted and abandoned

pensive (adj) – thinking deeply about something in a sad or serious way

futile (adj) – hopeless; without effect

mitigate (verb) – to make an offense more excusable; to make something less harsh, severe, or violent

penance (noun) – self-punishment performed to show sorrow at committing a sin

armistice (noun) – a truce in a war to discuss terms for peace

insurgent (noun) – a person who rebels against authority or is involved in uprising against the gov't

didactic (adj) – intending to teach; having moral instruction as a motive